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The CRUEL MASSACRE

Of the PROTESTANTS, in

North America;

Shewing how the French and Indians join together to ſcalp the Engliſh, and the manner of their Scalping, &c. &c.

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WE think good to let the Country know, that it could not be avoided, though all means were uſed abroad and at home to bring the Enemy to terms of peace, to no purpoſe, were forced to declare War for the ſafety of our Settlements in AMERICA, and our Lives and Liberties at home. Alſo an account of the Maſſacre committed by the Indians there, who deſtroy Men, Women and Children.

WHEREAS ſome people think much at the charge of the preſent War, and the additional Taxes, it is therefore thought proper to let them know the reaſons and occaſions of it. The French endeavouring to ſieze on our Settlements AMERICA and the Weſt Indies, tho' all proper means were uſed to bring them to a firm and ſettled peace to no purpoſe; but taking into alliance a Heathen People called INDIANS, contrary to the Laws of all Nations. They are the original Inhabitants of AMERICA, and they are glad of the opportu-

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nity of the aid and aſſiſtance of the French to revenge themſelves of the Engliſh; therefore they have no Mercy to Man, Woman, or Child, but put all to the Sword, wherever they come killing and ſcalping them, fleaing the Skin and Hair from their head, and every one of theſe they carry to the French, they give them as a reward 40 ſhillings a piece. Many Huudreds of poor Families have been murdered, and others forced to fly, and to leave all behind them to ſave their lives. We hope that Lord John Murrey, Colonel of the Highland Regiment, will ſtop their proceedings as ſoon as they receive the Reinforcements, deſtined for that purpoſe. The Highland watch has deſtroyed Numbers of the *Indians*, and ſerved them as they ſerved the Inhabitants. So His Majeſty had very good reaſon to declare War againſt FRANCE.

His Majeſty's Declaring of War againſt the French King, after Reciting the unwarrantable proceedings of the Fren-h in the Weſt-Indies and North-America, ſince the concluſion of the Treaty of Aix lachappelle, and the Uſurpations and encroachments made by them, upon our territories, in thoſe parts which have

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been ſo notorious and frequent, that they cannot but be looked upon as a ſufficient Evidence of a former deſign and reſolution in that Court, to purſue invariably ſuch meaſures as ſhould moſt effectually promote their ambitious Views, without any regard to their moſt ſolemn treaties and engagements, their repairing & enlarging the Fortifications of *Dunkirk*, marching great Bodies of Troops down to the coaſt, and threatning us with an Invaſion; ſets forth, *that in order to prevent the execution of theſe Deſigns, and to provide for the ſecurity of his Kingdom, thus threatned His Majeſty could no longer forbear giving Orders, for the ſiezing at Sea, the Ships of the French King and his ſubjects. Notwithſtanding which, as he was ſtill unwilling to give up all hopes, that an Accommodation might be effected,*

he had contented himſelf hitherto with detaining the ſaid Ships, and preſerving them as far as poſſible their Cargoes intire, without proceeding to the confiſtation of them, but it being now evident by the hoſtile Invaſion, actually made by the French King of the Iſland of *Minorca*, that it is the determined reſolution of that Court, to hearken to no terms of Peace, but to carry on the War, which has been long begun on their part with the utmoſt violence: His Majeſty can no longer remain conſiſtently with what he owes to his ſubjects within theſe bounds, which from a deſire of Peace, he had hitherto obſerved. His MAJESTY has therefore thought proper to declare War, & does hereby declare War againſt the FRENCH King, relying on the help of Almighty God, in his undertaking, and being

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aſſured of the hearty concurence of his ſubjects, in ſupport of ſo good a cauſe, hereby Requiring his Captain General of his Forces, his Commiſſioners for executing the Office of his high Admiral of Great-Britain, his Lieutenants of *ſeveral Counties, Governors of his Forts and Garriſons, and all other Officers and Soldiers under them by Sea and Land, to execute all hoſtility againſt the French King, his Vaſſels and ſubjects, and to oppoſe their Attempts, willing & requiring all his ſubjects to take Notice of the ſame when His Majeſty henceforth ſtrictly forbids to hold any communication with the ſaid French King, or ſend or cauſe to be ſent any men, Horſe, Arms, Powder, or Ball, Wheat or Flour, or any other contraband Goods whatſoever, we have given Orders to all ſhips of our Navy to fetch and ſieze at Sea, all ſuch Ships, be of*

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what Country they will, and to take them as lawful prize.

This America is called a fourth part of the World; tho' no Man know the breadth or length of it nor dare they go to ſee. It is a deſert Wilderneſs of wilds and Foreſts. Theſe Indians are between a black and a tawney ſwathy people, Heathens that know not God: The Country was taken from them in Queen Elizabeth's time, and in ſome other Princes time ſince; they go naked only a piece of Skin before them; there is four Kingdoms of them that borders on the Engliſh ſettlements; their Kings were a plume of feathers on their heads of all ſorts of wild birds, with necklaces of fine ſhells about their necks and wriſts; they live in theſe Foreſts upon fiſh, fowl and wild beaſts, but neither plow nor ſow; the French have taken theſe Heathens into Alliance; and finds them arms and ammunition; and all things neceſſary to deſtroy the Engliſh; and they are glad of the opportunity, which they never had before to revenge themſelves of the Engliſh for taking the Country from them. The French make bolts and ſend them to ſhoot thoſe. Many Hundreds of poor families they have murdered in *America* ſince the War begun. They give no Quarters to Men; Women or Children; many Hundreds of poor Inhabitants are fled over to them to ſave their lives

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and left all behind them. Their King allows them Six-pence a day for Men and Women; and five pence a day for Children; till they ſee if they can drive out the French and Indians out of their habitations, to ſend them home again. This Affair was not taken in time, if we had ſent a ſtrong army at Firſt they had been ſooner drove out, but now they are ſtrongly Fortified. Theſe Indians lie on their back or ſides, and fire as quick as we can on our feet.

Colonel Fraiſer's Highland Regiment, called the Highland Watch, that behaved ſo nobly in Flanders, got in amongſt the Indians. Sword in hand cut them to pieces, but moſt of them are killed ſince. Col. Fraiſer has ſent for 2000 *more Highlanders, as no good with the Indians can be done without them. we are in good hopes of good News from them this* Summer.

I know Hobſon to be a brave Man,
I know He'll do what he can.

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